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Zoning Committee Testimony in OPPOSITION to Bill 9 (2011), CD1 Mokuleia rezone AND Resolution 11-84

Aloha Chair Andson and Zoning Committee Members,

I am emailing in strong opposition to Bill 9 (2011), CD1 Mokuleia rezone AND Resolution 11-84 special area use permit for development of a hotel.

As a lifelong resident of Ka'a'awa and member of a family living here for more than 7 generations, I feel that these matters are not in the best interest of the genral population of Ko'olauloa. As a father of four children, I urge you to stop these measures to ensure the quality of living we have strived to maintain and preserve.

I do stronly feel that the general public has not had ample time to learn about the matters at hand and to voice thier opinion. As a member of the Ka'a'awa Community Association Board of Directors, I know for a fact that many residents have not been well informed of projects in Ko'olauloa, in particular the construction of the Mariott at the old Laie inn site and the entire Envision Laie project. I am also concerned that due to the well organized and well funded efforts of the projects planners and the special interests of the Mormon Church, BYU and Hawai'i Reserves Inc., the decisions made up to this point have been one sided and unfair.

Some of my other reasons to Stop these measures include:

1. Increased vehicular traffic on Kamehameha Hwy.. As a lifelong resident of coastal Ka'a 'awa, I have witnessed first hand the increase of traffic in the past several years. Kamehameha Hwy. cannot sustain the inevitable large amount of traffic increase affiliated with the proposed development in Laie and Malaekahana. As a current owner of a property adjacent to Kamehameha Hwy., it is at times unbearable to even deal with the current traffic, noise and pollution caused by activity related to the Polynesian Cultural Center. It has become increasingly difficult to access highway side roads and driveways due to heavy highway usage, and at many times it is very dangerous for pedestrians to cross the highway.
2. Flooding and road closure. It is well known that Ko'olauloa has been cut off to the Honolulu area during vehicular accidents and at times of flooding. It would be detromental to current Ko'olauloa residents to have a large increase of general population and daily influx potential visitors. Should Kamehameha Hwy. be closed as it many times is due to various reasons, emergency services such as fire department and emergency medical could be put to a halt, therefore putting residents at risk.
3. The hotel project is not consistent with the current enviroment and nature of Ko'olauloa. The Ko'olauloa region is known for its beauty and wide open country atmosphere. Contruction of a hotel project or large developments such as Envision Laie will permanantly alter and destroy the current country qualities of Ko'olauloa. Large businesses and developments should be concentrated in areas such as those already in progress at "The Second City" on the West side of O'ahu.
4. Lack of food and water resources. It is well know today that should natural disaster occur such as the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the potential tsunami threat we all experienced just a few short weeks ago, food and water supplies could be used up very rapidly. Because of

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Ko'olauloas inevitable location and well know lack of resource, it would be irresponsible and unfair to current residents to allow large increases of population, whether visitor or resident.

5. Lack of public services. Currently police, fire, and emergency medical services in Ko'olauloa are limited. As the son of a retired police officer, I know that the number of officers staffed in Ko'olauloa are very low. Kahuku and Castle hospital as well as Kaneohe and Kahuku Police station are often too far to provide medical a police services on a timely manner. Increased population would further burden these services.

6. Other resources such as gas, food and other supplies are limited in Ko'olauloa, and can not sustain increased population. With even a temporary closure of the one convenience store in Ka'a'awa, residents are impacted greatly.

These are some of my concerns and reasoning for not supporting the proposed developments in Ko'olauloa. As a head of household and voting citizen, I strongly urge you to take actions on these concerns and to do what will benefit ALL OF KO'OLAULOA, NOT SELECTED GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS OR ONE PARTICULAR COMMUNITY WITHIN KO'OLAULOA.

AGAIN, I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 9 (2011), CD1 Mokuleia rezone AND Resolution 11-84 special area use permit for development of a hotel.

Respectfully,
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O'ahu ka mokupuni, Ko'olauloa ka moku, Ka'a'awa ke 'ahupua'a